

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Madni (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,632); and claims 20 and 22 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Denheyer (U.S. Patent No. 5,642,378) in view of Madni (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,632). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 20 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 21, and 23-25 have been objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 9-19 and 26-36 have been allowed.

2. The applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1-8 and 20-25 rendering the rejections and objections moot. The remaining claims 9 - 19 and 26 - 36 have been allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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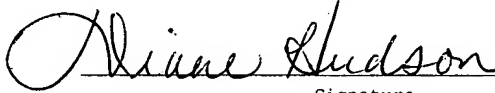
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